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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PARC DES VOLCANS CONSERVATION PROJECT

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1. PER REFTTEL, REQUEST DEPT TRANSMIT FOLLOWING
PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DR. W. J. BEECHER, DIRECTOR,
CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, LINCOLN PARK,
2001 NORTH CLARK STREET, CHICAGO, ILL. 60614:

2. QTE DEAR DR. BEECHER:

3. QTE APPRECIATE AND PROFOUNDLY SHARE CONCERN
FOR MOUNTAIN GORILLAS EXPRESSED IN YOUR RECENT LETTER
TO RWANDAN AMBASSADOR UBALIJORO, COPY OF WHICH HAS
REACHED ME. SINCERELY BELIEVE CONCERN IS ALSO SHARED
BY RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS TAKEN EXTRA-
ORDINARY MEASURES WITHIN ITS LIMITED MEANS TO SUPPRESS
POACHING. HOWEVER, AS AFRICA'S MOST DENSELY POPULATED
COUNTRY, RWANDA MUST GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO ATTENDING
TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE. AND AS ONE OF
WORLD'S POOREST, IT HAS PRECIOUS FEW RESOURCES LEFT OVER
TO DEVOTE TO SECOND PRIORITIES. OUTSIDE HELP IS
ESSENTIAL.

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4. QTE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR YOU AND OTHERS NOT
ONLY TO MANIFEST CONCERN BUT TO SUPPLY AND COORDINATE
BADLY-NEEDED ASSISTANCE THIS SECTOR. RWANDA WILL
BE REPRESENTED AT IUCN CONFERENCE ASHKHABAT NEXT
MONTH BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS AND
TOURISM DISMAS NSABIMANA. ASSEMBLED CONSERVATION

LEADERS MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO ORGANIZE WITH HIM A
COHERENT MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM OF MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE FOR PARC DES VOLCANS. MODEST SUMS OF
MONEY PLUS SERVICES OF EXPERIENCED, FRENCH-SPEAKING
CONSERVATIONIST COULD PROVIDE ESSENTIALS FOR PRESERVING
GORILLAS AND THEIR HABITAT OVER LONGER TERMS: OHOHQEWAINING, BASIC EQUIPMENT, ADEQUATE HOUSING,
AND OVERALL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE. DR. FOSEY FULLY
ENDORSES SUCH PROGRAM. I PERSONALLY URGE YOUR FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION. CRIGLER, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR,
KIGALI. UNQTE.
CRIGLER

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